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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 504
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Finance Docket No. 34658, The Alaska Railroad Corp. -- Petition For Exemption From 49 U.S.C. §10901 To Construct and Operate a Rail Line Between Eielson Air Force Base (North Pole, Alaska) and Fort Greely (Delta Junction)

Dear Ms. Rutson:

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §1105.10(d), The Alaska Railroad Corporation ("ARRC") hereby requests that the Section of Environmental Analysis ("SEA") approve the use of a third-party consultant, to be selected by SEA, to work under the supervision of SEA in the preparation of the environmental documentation required under 49 C.F.R. Part 1105 in connection with the above-captioned matter.

ARRC wishes to inform SEA that it would have no objection if SEA were to select ICF Consulting as the third-party consultant. ICF Consulting is among the third-party consultants pre-approved by SEA for use in environmental studies.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Kusske Floyd

cc: David C. Navecky
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